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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

A CURTIS HOST

Assembles at Emporia in Congressional Convention.

Republican Leaders Are There in Great Numbers

From All Parts of Kansas Conferring With Friends.

THEY ENDORSECURTIS

The Convention Praises His Conduct in Congress.

No Word of Fault is Found With Him.

PLATFORM STRONG.

It Will Stand Up For Straight Republicanism.

Condemning the Acts of the Populist Administration.

EMPIORIA, Kans., March 27.—Charles Curtis was renominated by acclamation at the Republican convention of the

Fourth congressional district, which met in this city at 10 o'clock this afternoon and which promptly assembled at the Whitney opera house.

The foregoing conclusion has not deterred the delegates and other prominent Republicans in large numbers from getting together on this occasion of the first congressional convention, not only in Kansas, but in the country.

So eager seem the Republicans for a battle which today appears will be an easy victory, that they are anxious to begin the active campaign. The liveliest men on the ground this afternoon are the candidates. Morel arrived first yesterday afternoon. During the night came Dick Blue, who is talking Republicans in general and congressman at large in particular.

He had it all his own way till Ed Green arrived at noon. The delegation was then equally divided on this question, although solid for Curtis. George Douglass came at 1 o'clock and a three-cornered contest is now on.

Ed Koch arrived with the Marion delegation just before 12. He inspired the next enthusiasm of the day. He found a host of friends from over the district standing on its splendid platform of newer men and better methods. Billy Edwards is here comparing notes with young Guthrie of Atchison. Chase of Wichita county, who wants to be auditor, is but too hotting the various statements. Eastman of Emporia is on the home base ready for a start around the practical diamond for the treasurership.

C. J. W. F. Hughes of Topeka entered the hotel arena at 1 o'clock and sized up the matter of secretary of state. Likewise arrived, Tom Kelly of Paula, who will ask to be the Republican candidate for auditor.

"Barney" Kelly came in as a looker on.

The Convention Assembles.

Contrary to usual custom the convention was not only called together promptly on time, but three minutes before the hour set—o'clock.

Chairman Treatton asked Secretary Green to read the call. Following this Harlan, of the Kansas Herald, was elected chairman, and J. F. Whiting, Peabody Graphic, secretary.

On motion of Judge Guthrie committees of five each were appointed on credentials, organization, order of business and of eleven on resolutions and platform with Judge John Guthrie of Shawnee, chairman.

Following the actions of the committees there were calls for speeches from Morris and Martin.

Dick Blue was called for and while the candidates for governor held back in natural bashfulness, Blue came forward and addressed the convention.

Bio said Charley Curtis is one who had made a success in life of everything he had attempted, and is today in Washington the highest example in full vigor and power of the young Republicans of Kansas. [Great applause.]

Sustained by Acclamation.

Bernard Kelly made a vigorous speech in which he said that he had never apologized for the Republican party and never would unless it changed its course; that every principle enunciated by it in thirty years had triumphed except one—free ballot and fair count—and that that must yet be the law of the land. He said that we must not spend too much time on minor details, give much time to political dinners and carry Republican gospel all over the state. He was ready to go forth and put in some good bills until we get rid of the man Kansas now has in the gubernatorial chair.

The motion of Harlan, Woodson county, seconded by Guthrie of Shawnee, Charles Curtis at 4:10 was nominated by acclamation.

Great cheering followed. A central committee was chosen. At 4:20 the following telegram was received and read from Chas. Curtis:

W. G. CURTIS, D. C., March 27.—Chairman Convention—I extend to the convention my heartfelt thanks. Am more than grateful to the representatives of the Fourth district for the interest they have taken in my behalf. The next Congress will be Republican.

The people will repudiate the un-

American policy of President Cleveland's administration, its attempts to destroy American industries and laborers of employment; farmers of their markets and its unjust attack upon disabled veterans will be condemned.

CHARLES CURTIS."

See above's speech.

Amid overwhelming calls for a speech from Koch, the Marion county statesman came forward and delivered strong speech which was loudly applauded throughout and received with cheers at the close.

At the close of Koch's speech, which was most enthusiastically received, the convention adjourned sine die.

THE PLATFORM.

Enunciation of Republican Principles in Steven's Plan.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

The Republicans of the Fourth congressional district assembled in convention at Emporia, March 23d, 1894, adopt the following declaration of principles:

First—We endorse and reaffirm the platform of the National Republican Convention of 1892, and we command the administration of President Harrison as eminently patriotic, wise, pure and just.

Second—We favor the policy of just and adequate protection to American labor and industries, and we declare our adherence to the doctrine of protection as advocated by the Republican party, favoring such amendments to existing tariff laws as time and experience may show to be wise and advisable. We believe in the American system of protection which gives the American producer the American market and gives employment to American laboring men, and condemns the Democratic policy which drives the American producers of their market and robs American working men of their employment. We condemn the Wilson bill passed by the Democratic house of representatives and commanded by Grover Cleveland and the advocates of the Democratic party to level American labor and industry to the degraded plane of European labor and industry; and especially do we insist on such full and adequate protection for the wool industry as will enable American farmers to supply the world required for consumption in the United States, and we endorse the policy of the National Grange. That all tariff laws shall protect the products of the farm as well as the products of the factory.

Third—We demand a full ballot and a just and fair and such legislation as will secure those results to every voter in the United States.

Fourth—We favor honest money, gold, silver and paper maintained at equal values.

Fifth—We demand the rigid enforcement of the immigrations laws to the end that contract, criminal and pauper labor may not compete with and degrade honest American labor.

Sixth—We condemn the action of the administration of President Cleveland in sending without authority or the consent of the senate, Commissioner Blount to the depressed queen of the Hawaiian Islands, and in conspiracy against the government in which he was involved and to dole into fatal and worthless testimony to secure present for justifying a result pre-determined by the administration before he left this country and in endeavor to restore the queen and re-establish her disgraced and dangerous rule over so many inhabitants of American birth or descent to whom the prosperity of the island due, and in seeking to accomplish the unconstitutional purpose by instructions kept secret from the public in both countries.

Seventh—We condemn the policy of the administration of President Cleveland that has forced this country to issue bonds that has closed our factories, ruined American laborers of employment, and destroyed the customary and legitimate market of American producers.

Eighth—The nation can never repay the debt of gratitude due the veteran soldier of the Civil War, and we deny most emphatically that the pension for the veteran soldier is a gratuity or charity, but insist that it is simply the patriotic payment of an honest obligation which should be regarded as the most sacred claim against the government.

We demand that every pension claimant shall be awarded a fair, speedy and honest hearing upon his claim, and that all claims shall be heard and settled without unnecessary delay, on the part of the pension bureau and that in all claims rejected by the pension bureau the claimant shall be fully advised as to the evidence and reasons for such rejection, to the end that the claimant may have his claim reopened and be fully advised why his claim is rejected. And we condemn the methods adopted and practiced by the department of interior in administering and executing the pension laws of congress as unfair, unfair and arbitrary, and we demand such legislation as will secure to the veteran soldier the right to know the nature and character of the evidence filed against him by special agents employed by the government and the reason why his claim for a pension is withheld or denied to him, and the right to have his claim opened up to the end that the pension laws shall be openly, fairly and justly administered.

Ninth—We endorse the course of Hon. Chas. Curtis in congress, and hereby tender him the thanks of this convention for his prompt attention and faithful service to his constituents.

The tenth condemns the Populist methods, conduct and experiments in politics in general, and the present Kansas administration in particular.

Eleventh—"The people of Kansas revere heroic deeds of the founders of this state and are jealous of its good name for honor and integrity and we declare our people are as able and willing to keep their contract and pay their debts as the most favored states and we denounce the political demagogues who by speech and through the press at home and abroad have brought dishonor to the people of Kansas."

We denounce the unconstitutional and revolutionary acts of the executive of this state in its determination to destroy the legislative department of the government by military force and we rejoice that the patriotism of the people and an overruling Providence saved this state from the horrors of civil war. We denounce the methods of the state administration that has brought distrust

and dishonor to the people of this state, and

"We depounce the corrupt and weak practice of the present state administration, and we appeal to the people by the memories of the glorious past to redeem the state from its thralldom and instruct the government of this state to public servants who are capable, honest and patriotic."

THE DELEGATES.

Complete List of Delegates Present at Today's Convention.

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CHASE—J. B. Jones, L. L. Chandler, H. S. Lincoln, C. H. Kline, W. H. Holzinger, Geo. W. Blackburn—6.

COFFEE—P. Manck, A. G. Lane, W. B. Clark, James Douglass, M. L. Stockton, J. W. Kellor, W. O. McKinstry, E. L. Taylor, J. S. Edie, C. P. Allen—10.

GREENWOOD—W. S. Carlson, A. W. Wiggins, Z. Harlan, J. L. Barrier, G. Spaulding, S. H. Smith, W. F. Ellsworth, John Green, C. M. Waggoner and W. W. Shaw—10.

LYON—Dr. Haley, C. A. Johnson, C. V. Eskridge, E. S. Doum, J. C. Burnett, L. E. Bush, Geo. Williams, John Bond, L. J. Hammond, Wm. Carney, J. F. Brad, Wm. Ernest, G. E. Withington, Felix Skaggs—14.

MARION—J. W. Hastings, H. P. Padlock, Jacob Isaacs, R. H. Thorp, J. L. Bitner, J. F. Whaley, Thomas Dicker-son, W. H. Morgan, J. F. Whiting, C. M. Clark, E. M. Knowles, George Shae-

pe—12.

MONTGOMERY—J. S. Carpenter, Charles Evans, E. L. Shaffer, H. Wakefield, Hugh Stewart, C. M. Johnson, W. H. Higham, L. Head—8.

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OSAGE—J. G. Ellis, E. G. Williams, W. C. Chapman, K. G. Pipp, A. H. Down, J. L. Williams, L. Farley, G. W. Carpenter, F. F. Ryan, W. H. Davis, Eph Roberts, E. W. Handspur, Robert Hill, Sol Bower—14.

WAKANSEE—Geo. G. Cornell, F. L. Burr, Frank Lindau, L. G. Denison, C. N. Earth, W. K. Beach, G. W. Wilson, Chas. Clark—8.

WOOSAW—C. C. Clevenger, Wm. Speckhardt, S. S. McCormick, Homer Kellogg, A. C. Gorley, H. G. Stavins—6.

CHARLES CURTIS.

Records of the Mass. Renominated by Acclimation on Today.

The following is from the pen of Judge John Guthrie and appeared in the Topeka Mail:

The public career of Hon. Charles Curtis, member of congress from this congressional district, commenced ten years ago, when he was admitted and elected county attorney of Shawnee county, Mo. Curtis was born January 25, 1860, in North Topeka during the heroic struggle of the oil of Kansas between the friends of freedom and human slavery. When Mr. Curtis entered upon the discharge of his public duties he immediately struck a decided mark as a worthy and able attorney.

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